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Letter dated 31 January 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the declaration of the Croatian Sabor (Parliament) of 27 January 1995, concerning the decision of the President of the Republic of Croatia, Mr. Franjo Tudjman, on the mandate of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in Croatia of 12 January 1995.

I would kindly request your assistance in distributing the present letter and its annex as a document of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly under the item entitled "The situation in the occupied territories of Croatia", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mario NOBILO
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Annex

Declaration dated 27 January 1995 by the House of Representatives of the Parliament of Croatia

Recalling its previous conclusions and resolutions, along with the directive of 23 September 1994 and the decision of 7 October 1994,

Having heard the report on the termination of the UNPROFOR mandate in the Republic of Croatia, which was submitted by the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Dr. Mate Granić, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Croatia,

The House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Republic of Croatia (Sabor), at its session which was held on 27 January 1995, passed the following

DECLARATION

1. After an extensive debate following the report on the termination of the UNPROFOR mandate in the Republic of Croatia by the Government, the Parliament of the Republic of Croatia (Sabor) concludes that the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) has failed to implement the directives of the Sabor as specified by a special resolution dated 23 September 1994, and that the Sabor endorses the decision of the President of the Republic, Dr. Franjo Tudjman, regarding the termination of the UNPROFOR mandate as of 31 March 1995.

2. The Sabor of the Republic of Croatia supports and accepts the basic assessments from the report submitted by the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Dr. Mate Granić, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Croatia on 25 January 1995, regarding the termination of the UNPROFOR mandate on the territory of the Republic of Croatia, the ineffectiveness of UNPROFOR and the reasons for terminating its mandate.

3. In the light of overwhelming Croatian public support and the support of almost all of the parliamentary parties regarding the termination of the UNPROFOR mandate, the Sabor of the Republic of Croatia reiterates that negotiations, as well as the implementation of all basic provisions of United Nations Security Council resolutions, i.e. a peaceful reintegration of occupied territories, remain a permanent Croatian policy objective and orientation.

Such a solution can and ought to be sought in strict conformity with the principle of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Croatia, the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia, and the constitutional law on human rights and freedoms and the rights of national and ethnic communities or minorities in the Republic of Croatia and in compliance with the high European standards of human rights protection, minority rights and ethnic community rights.

Croatia's decision, therefore, cannot and must not be interpreted as the opening of a path to the war option. On the contrary, the main objective of the

decision in question is to accelerate the peace process in the interest of all peoples and overall peace, stability and security in the region of south-eastern Europe.

4. The Sabor emphatically rejects all the pressures that are being exerted on the Republic of Croatia with the purpose of having it change the decision and calls once again for negotiations on peaceful reintegration to be resumed, hoping that the negotiations would lead to territorial integrity and the rule of law being achieved in all parts of the Croatian State, along with the normalization of overall Croatian-Serbian relations.

5. The Sabor binds the Government of the Republic of Croatia to work out a proposed programme and measures for a peaceful reintegration of the occupied territories of the Republic of Croatia on the basis of this Declaration, the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia and the constitutional law.

(Signed) Dr. Nedjeljko MIHANOVIĆ
President of the House of
Representatives of the Sabor